#### Families say

EI Providers offer something unique that we don't feel at the clinic level. By being family-focused and not just disability-focused they made us feel like a normal family that had a few more issues.

El not only gave our child the building blocks for proper development, but the staff gave our family the support we needed to have her reach her full potential. El programs are located all over Massachusetts

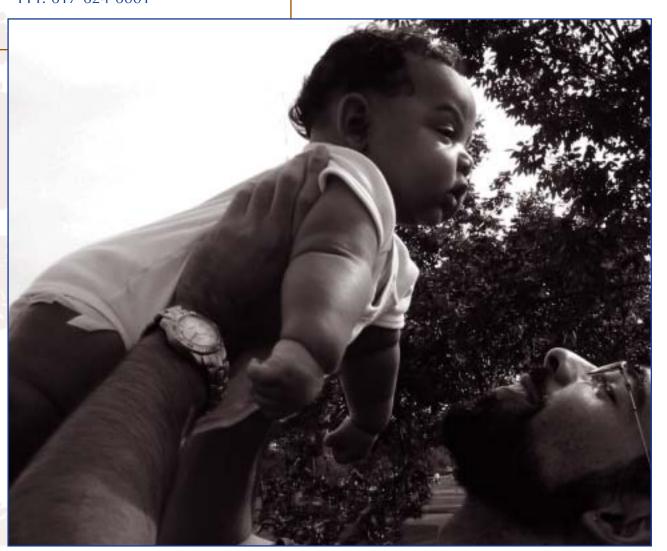
They are in areas that are: urban • suburban • rural

Programs work closely with families To learn more: www.state.ma.us/dph/fch/ei.htm

or 1.800.905.TIES TTY: 617-624-6001

# Consider a career in **Early Intervention!**

Be there at the beginning!



### Is a Career in El Right for You?

El specialists work as part of a team serving infants, toddlers and families in their homes and communities.

They could be:

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www.naeyc.org www.dec-sped.org

**Nurses** 

www.massnurses.org

**Occupational Therapists** 

www.aota.org

Physical Therapists www.apta.org

**Social Workers/Counselors** www.naswdc.org

Speech and Language Pathologists www.asha.org

Teachers who specialize in hearing loss, vision loss or autism www.deafed.net www.aerbvi.org www.autism-society.org



El is an integrated developmental service available to all families of children between birth and three years of age,

for whom there are developmental concerns due to

**identified disabilities** (for example, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome)

certain **birth circumstances** (for example, prematurity)

**environmental circumstances** (for example, homelessness)

**delay** in one or more areas of development (for example, speech delay)

#### What is

## **Early Intervention?**